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SUBJECT: OPIC AGREEMENT FOR PNG

REF: STATE 36524

1. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH DFRT AND DEPT OF LAW CONCERNING FORTHCOMING MARCH 30 - APRIL 2 VISIT OF OPIC DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL CECIL HUNT. AN OFFICIAL IN LAW DEPT RAISED THE QUESTION OF SIGNING THE OPIC AGREEMENT WHICH HAS LANGUISHED FOR MORE THAN A YEAR.

2. IF GPNG SHOULD PROPOSE SIGNING OF OPIC AGREEMENT DURING HUNT'S VISIT, DOES AUTHORIZATION PROVIDED IN DEPARTMENT'S A-748 OF JAN. 25, 1974, AS AMENDED BY STATE 109813 OF MAY 24, 1974, STILL HOLD? GIVEN MARCH 6 HANDOVER OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO GPNG BY GOA OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESPONSIBILITY, WOULD CONGEN SIGN SUCH AN AGREEMENT FOR U.S.?

3. WE BELIEVE HUNT VISIT IS USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO FINALIZE AGREEMENT AND WOULD LIKE TO BE PREPARED TO DO SO. AT LEAST ONE U.S. FIRM TOLD CONGEN IT IS WAITING FOR AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED BEFORE COMMITTING U.S. DOLS 10,000,000 TO PNG FORESTRY PROJECT.

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